



## **H.R. 2787 – CJ’s Home Protection Act of 2007**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 2787 was introduced by Representative Brad Ellsworth (D-IN) on June 20, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported as amended from the Committee on Financial Services, by voice vote, on September 18, 2007.

H.R. 2787 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 30, 2007.

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 2787 would require each manufactured home delivered for sale to include a weather radio that is capable of broadcasting emergency information relating to local weather conditions, and is equipped with both a tone alarm and Specific Alert Message Encoding (SAME) technology.

*\*Note: According to the National Weather Service (NWS), “When an NWS office broadcasts a warning, watch or non-weather emergency, it also broadcasts a digital SAME code that may be heard as a very brief static burst, depending on the characteristics of the receiver. This SAME code contains the type of message, county(s) affected, and message expiration time.”*

In addition, H.R. 2787 would require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to conduct a study on the applicability of the weather radio requirement on the geographic location at which the manufactured home is placed.

### **BACKGROUND**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) operates a nationwide radio system that broadcasts continuous weather information from their regional National Weather Service Offices. NOAA Weather Radio is working with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Alert System to ensure that the public is notified in a timely manner of all natural, environmental, and public safety hazards that could affect their area.

This act is named for CJ Martin, a two year old Indiana child who was killed by an F3 tornado that struck his great-grandmother’s mobile home in 2005.

### **COST**

“Based on information from HUD, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2787 would have no significant net effect on spending subject to appropriation in any year. Enacting H.R. 2787 would not affect direct spending or revenues.” [CBO Cost Estimate](#)

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